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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Pierce

A RESOLUTION honoring the Duany family.

Whereas, The Duany family is a remarkable family that has endured hardships to live the "American Dream" in the heartland of America;

Whereas, Wal Duany and his family fled civil war in Sudan in 1983 and settled in Indiana;

Whereas, Although the Duanys were strangers in a strange land, they were welcomed into the Bloomington community with open arms;

Whereas, While Wal pursued a doctorate in public policy, Julia tended to their five children and worked at a dormitory

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cafeteria to help pay the rent;

Whereas, Julia earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Indiana University and currently works as a research associate at Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University;

Whereas, In the third grade, Duany Duany was the tallest in his class and was quickly introduced to basketball by the Bloomington Boys Club;

Whereas, The rest, as they say, is history;

Whereas, Because of their basketball skills, all five Duany children were able to earn full scholarships at Division I colleges;

Whereas, After helping his team reach the final four, Duany graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in behavioral science and prelaw and is currently pursuing a master's degree in sports management at Indiana University; Nyagon played for Bradley University and is currently in her final year at Indiana University's medical school; Kueth, the senior captain of the Syracuse University team that won the 2003 NCAA title, graduated with a double major in political science and information management and technology; Nok starred for Georgetown University and after graduation played on a professional team in Portugal and is currently employed in the marketing department of a Chicago bank; and Bil is currently playing for Eastern Illinois University;

Whereas, Basketball was the tool the Duany children used to "meet" Indiana, and Indiana welcomed them with open arms; and

Whereas, While the Duanys' lives have not been without hardship, their tremendous courage and work ethic have enabled them to overcome all obstacles: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*



1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
2 acknowledges the accomplishments of this wonderful family and
3 wishes them all continued success in their future endeavors.

4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Duany
6 family.

